



“The time is always right to do what is right.”
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

January 12, 2018

Again, Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you and your family enjoyed your Christmas Vacation. This week’s weather forced us to play with our schedule a bit. We are nearing the end of the first semester and we have a busy calendar ahead of us. Please read the Friday Note, visit our website, and follow us on Facebook to get the most up-to-date news and pictures.

Scantron... The Mid-Year Scantron Performance testing schedule is below. The results will be distributed with 3rd quarter report cards. All testing is scheduled in the morning and we ask you to please ensure your child is well-rested, enjoys a healthy breakfast, and arrives to school on time. Your child’s teachers work hard to ensure optimal student performance. Your assistance is appreciated.

| Grade | Reading/LA Scantron | Math Scantron |
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| 1 | Thursday, January 18 Monday, January 22 | Thursday, January 25 Monday, February 5 |
| 2 | Tuesday, January 16 | Tuesday, January 23 |
| 3 | Thursday, January 18 | Thursday, January 25 |
| 4 | Wednesday, January 17 | Wednesday, January 24 |
| 5 | Tuesday, January 16 | Tuesday, January 23 |
| 6 | Friday, January 26 | Friday, February 9 |
| 7 | Tuesday, January 16 | Tuesday, January 23 |
| 8 | Wednesday, January, 17 | Wednesday, January 24 |

Parent Workshop... Come and learn about executive functioning and what it has to do with your child’s learning. The executive functions are a set of processes that all have to do with managing oneself and one’s resources in order to achieve a goal. It includes skills involving mental control and self-regulation. Join us on Monday January 22 from 6-7:30pm in Margot Hall for a presentation by DCPS school psychologists to learn more and how to support your child’s development of these important skills.

Hot Lunch... Wednesday, January 17 is Hot Lunch.

Mass for Life... Students in grades 6-8 will attend the Archdiocese of Washington’s Youth Mass for Life on Friday, January 19 at the Verizon Center. Middle school students may dress out of uniform but must wear a St. Anthony PE sweatshirt. We will leave school at 7:30 AM sharp and

travel by metro. Students will return before noon. PreK-Grade 5 will celebrate Mass here in our church.

Internet News... Over the vacation we made upgrades to our WiFi service and changed internet providers. Unfortunately, it was not a seamless transition. We had no internet in the building this week. It should be up and running by Tuesday.

Service Hours... All families are required to complete ten service hours by January 26th, the last day of the first semester. Each unserved hour accrues a \$15 per hour penalty. We much prefer you share your time and talents. Please contact your child's teacher or the office with any questions.

Catholic Schools Week... Please join us for our Opening Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, January 28th at 10:00 AM. A light reception will follow in Margot Hall. We will also host an Open House at 11:30 AM. Please spread the word.

Open Houses... Current families have priority registration and then we will open registration up to prospective families. We invite prospective families to attend one of our monthly Open Houses. Open Houses are usually scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Please help spread the word.

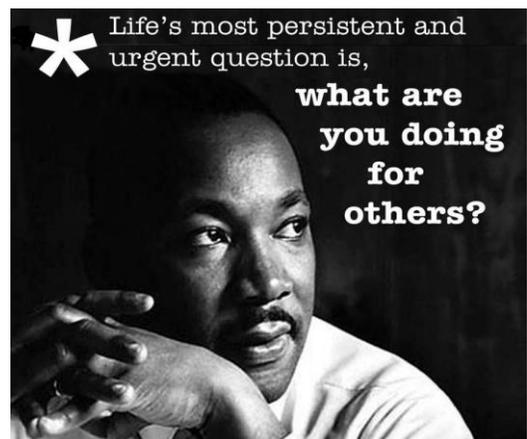
Inclement Weather... As you know, we follow PG County Public Schools for all weather-related delays and closures. It is the parent's responsibility to follow media updates. I encourage all of you to sign-up for PG's automatic text/ email notification service. This is the fastest and most reliable way to receive announcements.

Cold Cash... Thank you for supporting our "Cold Cash" fund raiser. We sold nearly 375 cards! All proceeds will go toward the renovation of the stage. Winners are announced on our Facebook page. In some cases, students have also called the winners to congratulate them! A complete listing can also be found on our website.

Over this holiday weekend let us take some time to read about the life, ministry, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many of his speeches can be found on YouTube. I encourage you to watch 1-2 clips and discuss them with your child. It is important that we celebrate and give honor to Dr. King and all who fought for civil rights and equality. And together, let us continue to pray for peace in our cities, in our country, and in our world.

God bless you,

Michael Thomasian
Principal



Proudly celebrating our 95th year!